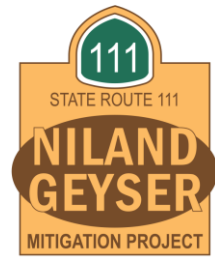




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SR-111 Lane Closures North of Niland through Friday

Motorists Advised to Allow Addition travel time for one-way Traffic Control

EL CENTRO, Calif. — Crews have extended the temporary roadway for State Route 111 (SR-111) at Davis and Gillespie roads, about five miles northwest of Niland in Imperial County, and have closed one lane of SR-111 at this location through Friday for pavement work, according to Caltrans.

Workers with flags will be in place to direct traffic one direction at a time onto the open lane as crews complete paving operations and tie in the ends of the extended roadway. The lane closure is expected to slow traffic movement and motorists may experience delays.

Both lanes of traffic are expected to open on the extended temporary roadway Friday evening.

The speed limit through the construction zone has been reduced to 55 mph. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously in the area and to watch for highway workers and construction equipment.

The work is part of an emergency project to mitigate a natural-occurring geyser that has existed since 1953. The geyser/mud pot has been moving towards SR-111 since 2016. The rate of movement has increased, and the geyser has already encroached the railroad right of way impacting Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

Caltrans continues coordination with local, state, and other partners for this mitigation and implemented this emergency project in 2019. For safety reasons, there is no access to the mud pot and public visits to the site are prohibited.

Caltrans staff thanks community members and motorists for their patience for any delays and inconvenience during construction.

The work schedule is subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment and materials, or construction-related issues.

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